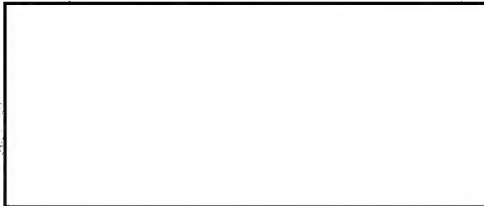


3 February 1950



Receipt of your letter of 1 February is acknowledged and I think things are working out satisfactorily. Our man was most pleased with the first information he had from Mr. [redacted] and has made arrangements to see Mr. [redacted] again to continue with the story.

Your information about the grape vine of "staying away from Central Intelligence" is very interesting. If you do not feel you are violating any confidence, I wish you would tell me from whom such report emanated.

I should imagine after the State Department receives your letter that you will get a passport without any difficulty. If you should come through Washington, I should be very glad to see you.

Thank you again for your interest in us and, with best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely,

/s/

H. H. Hillenkoetter  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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Basic continued: Most interesting straw-in-the-wind to me right now, because of this correspondence with you, is the word that is being passed along through inter-service ~~departments~~ grapevine to "Stay away from Central Intel; it is full of dynamite". Now what means or may mean is not clear to me. I picked it up from former OSS sources last week. The inference someone is trying to put over seems to be that some sort of an investigation is looming.

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